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RESEARCH

Dissertation: "Land After Technology: Collective Memory and the New York City Water Supply"
Supervisor: Etienne Benson, Max Planck Institut für Wissenschaftsgeschichte
Committee: Heidi Voskuhl, University of Pennsylvania
Ann Norton Greene, University of Pennsylvania Stephanie Dick, Simon Fraser University

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

2025 (*Expected*) Ph.D., History and Sociology of Science

2020 Doctoral Qualifying Fields
 Environmental History with Etienne Benson
 History of Technology with Heidi Voskuhl
 Knowledge & Memory with Stephanie Dick

2019 M.A., History and Sociology of Science

Bryn Mawr College

2010 A. B. in Creative Writing, *Magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

2024 "They Took the Best Farms: Remembering Water Supply Development in Rural New York"
Agricultural History, 98, no. 2 (May 2024)
Winner of the Everett E. Edwards Prize from the Agricultural History Society

FELLOWSHIPS

2024-2025 **Helfand Award Graduate Fellowship**
Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania

2023-2024 **Critical Speaking Fellow**
University of Pennsylvania

2023 **Mellon Applied History Initiative Summer Workshop**
University of Colorado, Boulder

2022-2023 **Mellon Humanities, Urbanism, and Design Doctoral Fellow**
University of Pennsylvania

2022-2023 **Wolf Humanities Center Doctoral Fellow**
University of Pennsylvania

2022-2023 **Larry J. Hackman Research Residency**
2021-2022 New York State Archives

GRANTS & AWARDS (SELECTED)

- 2024 **Edgar Fahs Smith Fellowship Fund of the Department of History and Sociology of Science**
University of Pennsylvania, support for exhibition development
- 2024 **School of Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Government**
University of Pennsylvania, graduate student travel award
- 2023 **Stallybrass Prize in the History of Material Texts**
"So the memories need not fade": Writing Continuity Across Rupture
Workshop in the History of Material Texts, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023 **Research, Dissemination, Public Outreach, and Exhibition Grants**
Agricultural History Society, support for digitizing oral histories
- 2022 **Helfand Fund of the Department of History and Sociology of Science**
University of Pennsylvania, support for conference and research travel
- 2021 **Summer Provost Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Innovation**
Graduate and Professional Students Association, University of Pennsylvania
- 2021 **Teece Research Award**
University of Pennsylvania, support for archival research
- 2020 **The Water Center at Penn**
University of Pennsylvania, Student Support Program award for graduate research
- 2020 **Merkel Fund of the Department of History and Sociology of Science**
University of Pennsylvania, support for research site visits
- 2018 **Society for the History of Technology Travel Grant**
Graduate student conference travel grant

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **"Fixing Streams: Emplaced Agricultural Knowledge in Twentieth-Century Rural New York"**
(forthcoming) *History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico*
- 2024 **"So the memories need not fade": Writing Continuity Across Rupture in Rural New York**
American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- 2023 **"Doing Ordinary Things in Ordinary Places: Emplaced Research for an Environmental Historian"**
American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2022 **"The Best Land is Gone: Collective memory, farmland, and Water Supply Development"**
Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, Stavanger, Norway
- 2022 **"Laws on the Land: Regulatory Practices on New York City's rural water supply lands, 1900-2000"**
American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, Eugene, Oregon

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| 2021 | "Working Land, Knowing Water: Agricultural Expertise Coordination in the NYC Watershed" <i>Society for the Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting, Virtual</i> |
| 2018 | "Remembering Times Beach: Slow Disaster and the Limits of Memorialization" <i>Society for the History of Technology Annual Meeting, St. Louis, Missouri</i> |

COLLABORATIONS

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| 2024-2025 | Public Environmental Memory in a World of Wounds Map <i>Bucknell University</i> |
| 2023-2024 | Place-Informed Writing Workshop <i>Agricultural History Society and American Society for Environmental History</i> |
| 2023 | Managing Scarcity Workshop <i>Science History Institute</i> |
| 2022-2023 | Writing in Place Colloquium <i>Agricultural History Society</i> |
| 2021-2022 | Writing in Place in Agricultural and Environmental History <i>Agricultural History Society</i> |

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

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| 2024 | Co-Curator for exhibit "With that Shadow Over Them: Constructing Catskill Reservoirs, Remembering Home" <i>Yager Museum, Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York</i> |
| 2022 | Guest on The Rabbit Hole with Jim Rauter <i>WIOX Community Radio 91.3</i> |
| 2021 | Guest on The Farm Hour with Madalyn Warren and Erwin Karl <i>WIOX Community Radio 91.3</i> |

SERVICE

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| 2024-2025 | Graduate Peer Mentor |
| 2020-2022 | <i>Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia</i> |
| 2023-2025 | Theories of History Discussion Group Convener <i>Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia</i> |
| 2022-present | Queer@EH Convener <i>LGBTQIA+ scholars' coalition in environmental history and environmental humanities</i> |
| 2023-2024 | Together with ASEH Fundraising Campaign <i>American Society for Environmental History</i> |
| 2023 | Environmental History Week Steering Committee <i>American Society for Environmental History</i> |

TEACHING

- 2023-2024 **Instructor of Record: Nature and the City: Memory, Place, and Environment**
Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 2023 **Certificate in College and University Teaching**
Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018-2021 **Teaching Assistant and Grader**
Department of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania
Environment & Society; Technology & Society; Emergence of Modern Science; Comparative Medicine; Health & Societies

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2024-present History of Science Society
- 2021-present American Society for Environmental History
- 2021-present Agricultural History Society
- 2021-present Society for the History of Technology

OTHER EDUCATION

- 2020 **Oral History Training Institute**
Science History Institute
- 2015-2016 **Coursework in wetlands ecology, conservation land management**
Master of Environmental Studies Program, University of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2017 **Manager of Communications and Digital Strategy**
Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2017 **Environmental Leadership Program Fellow**
Delaware River Watershed Regional Fellowship for leadership development
- 2013-2016 **Public Relations Manager**
Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2011-2012 **Program Assistant**
Otsego 2000, Cooperstown, New York

REFERENCES

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